

Free All Class-War Prisoners!

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36th Holiday Appeal for Class-War Prisoners

(See reverse side for information about the prisoners supported by the Holiday Appeal.)

**Saturday, January 24
3–6 pm**

**First Congregational Church of
Oakland, Reidenbach Hall
2501 Harrison St. (at 27th St.)**

\$10 Donation • students/unemployed \$5

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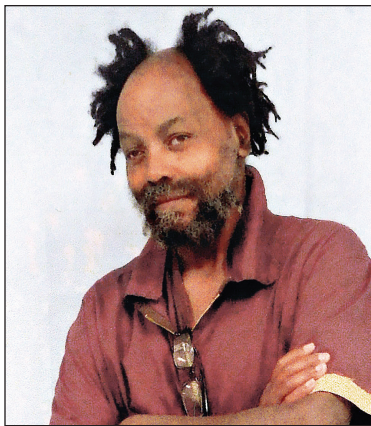
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This is the 36th Holiday Appeal for the Partisan Defense Committee's program of sending monthly stipends as an expression of solidarity to those imprisoned for standing up to racist capitalist repression and imperialist depredation. This program revived a tradition initiated by the International Labor Defense under James P. Cannon, its founder and first secretary (1925-1928). As of December 2025, the PDC sends stipends to three class-war prisoners.

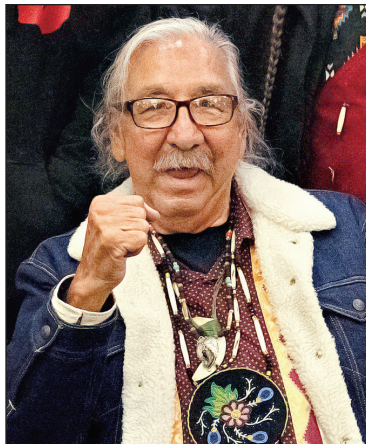
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Mumia Abu-Jamal is a former Black Panther Party spokesman, a well-known supporter of the MOVE organization and an award-winning journalist known as "the voice of the voiceless." Framed up for the 1981 killing of a Philadelphia police officer, Mumia was sentenced to



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death explicitly for his political views. Federal and state courts have repeatedly refused to consider evidence proving Mumia's innocence, including the sworn confession of Arnold Beverly that he, not Mumia, shot and killed the policeman. In 2011, the Philadelphia district attorney's office dropped its longstanding effort to legally lynch Mumia, condemning him to life in prison with no chance of parole. Ever since, the state, including Philly's "progressive" D.A. Larry Krasner, has fought tooth and nail to keep Mumia buried in prison for life.



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Mumia's appeals continue to be denied even after the D.A.'s office discovered six boxes of new exculpatory evidence in 2018. Mumia's health—especially his eyesight—has deteriorated in the past few years, primarily due to medical neglect and poor prison diet.

Leonard Peltier is an internationally renowned class-war prisoner. Peltier's incarceration for his activism in the American Indian Movement has come to symbolize this country's racist repression of its Native peoples, the survivors of centuries of genocidal oppression. Peltier was framed up for the 1975 deaths of two FBI agents marauding in what had become a war zone on the South Dakota Pine Ridge Reservation. The lead government attorney has admitted, "We can't prove who shot those agents," and the courts have repeatedly denied Peltier's appeals while acknowledging blatant prosecutorial misconduct. On 20 January 2025, his life sentences were commuted to home confinement. He still remains in the clutches of the capitalist state, and we continue to fight for his complete freedom.

Xinachtli (Alvaro Luna Hernandez) is a Mexican American initially framed up in the 1970s for a murder he did not commit. He was politicized in prison where he helped lead a movement for prison reform and became an effective jailhouse lawyer. Xinachtli spent nearly

a decade in solitary confinement. After the *Houston Post* exposed the frame-up, Xinachtli was freed in 1991, but the state continued to target him for his activism on behalf of Mexican Americans. He founded the National Movement of La Raza and led a successful campaign to free Ricardo Aldape Guerra, a Mexican national framed for killing a Houston cop, from Texas' death row. In 1996, the Brewster County sheriff attempted to arrest him. When Xinachtli challenged the legality of the warrantless arrest, the sheriff pulled a gun compelling him to disarm the sheriff in self-defense. Xinachtli was railroaded for



Xinachtli

"aggravated assault" and outrageously sentenced to 50 years. He has now been continually confined in solitary for more than 20 years in Texas dungeons where he is subject to communication shut-downs, repressive discipline and medical neglect.

Contribute now! All proceeds from the Holiday Appeal events will go to the Class-War Prisoners Stipend Fund. This is not charity but an elementary act of solidarity. Send your contributions to: PDC, P.O. Box 99, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013; (212) 406-4252.

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